

Senate Resolution 96

By: Senators Chapman of the 3rd, Thomas of the 2nd, Schaefer of the 50th and Williams of the 19th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mrs. Sheila M. McNeill, National President of the Navy
2 League of the United States; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sheila M. McNeill, a native of Brunswick, Georgia, joined the Navy
4 League of the United States in 1966 and was elected as its National President in June, 2003,
5 becoming the first woman to hold this position since the league's founding in 1902; and

6 WHEREAS, the Navy League of the United States is the only civilian organization dedicated
7 to supporting the sea services, including the U.S. Navy, U.S. Marine Corps, U.S. Coast
8 Guard, and U.S. Merchant Marine; and

9 WHEREAS, having served at every leadership level including President of the
10 Camden-Kings Bay Council, Georgia state president, and region president for the South
11 Atlantic Coast Region, Mrs. McNeill has provided strong, experienced, and intelligent
12 guidance to the league's 70,000 members who are dedicated to educating American citizens
13 and elected officials about the importance of sea power; and

14 WHEREAS, during her service as national vice president responsible for legislative affairs
15 activities, she aggressively and effectively sought support on Capitol Hill and made
16 educating congressional members about the sea services her top priority; and

17 WHEREAS, she served on the National Maritime Policy Committee from 1996-1998 and
18 as a member of the executive committee for the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in
19 the Services, an influential advisory committee to the Secretary of Defense and other
20 Department of Defense officials; and

21 WHEREAS, in the State of Georgia, she serves on the Governor's state-wide Military Affairs
22 Coordinating Committee and was the commissioning president of the St. Mary's Submarine
23 Museum and charter chairman of the Military Community Council; and

1 WHEREAS, her service as a member of the Advisory Board of the Coastal Georgia
2 Community College and the Board of Directors of the Chambers of Commerce in Glynn and
3 Camden Counties is a testament to her dedicated leadership within her community, which
4 was recognized by her inclusion in Georgia Trend Magazine's list of the 100 Most Influential
5 Georgians; and

6 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia is honored and proud to have such a distinguished lady as
7 one of its citizens.

8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
9 join in recognizing and commending Mrs. Sheila M. McNeill for her outstanding service to
10 the United States sea services, Georgia's coastal communities, and the State of Georgia.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. Sheila M. McNeill.